## Memorandum

## **Center for Equal Opportunity**

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**TO:** Transportation Commission DBE Committee

FROM: Heidi Bimmerle, Director of Human Resources and Administration

RE: FHWA Overall DBE Goal (FFY 2013- 15)

**DATE:** June 5, 2012

Under the DBE regulation, 49 CFR Part 26, overall DBE goals must be evaluated every three years. CDOT currently has two overall DBE goals. One overall goal is established for funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the other for funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). CDOT's FHWA overall goal is due later this summer. Therefore, we will be taking the following steps in the next few months:

## Pre-annual DBE goal calculation

- May 14 Identify interested organizations willing to provide feedback on the annual DBE goal
- May 16 Distribute online survey to organization stakeholders
- May 31 Hold open forum to discuss annual DBE goal setting process
- June 1 Obtain historical data and begin process to set FY 2013 − 2105 annual goals
- June 4 − Determine the method CDOT will use to calculate and set the DBE goal
- June 15 − Publish legal notice of proposed three year goal including 45 day comment period on CDOT website and in statewide newspapers and online media

## Post-annual DBE goal calculation

- □ June 20 Presentation and comments at the CDOT Transportation Commission DBE Committee
- □ July 9 Discuss proposed three year goal and gather public feedback at the CDOT Small Business Forum
- July 18 Presentation and opportunities for additional comments at the CDOT Transportation Commission DBE Committee
- ☐ July 19 Present DBE Goal Resolution to the CDOT Transportation Commission
- ☐ July 30 Deadline for submitting comments on the annual DBE goal setting process
- August 1 Send annual DBE goal document to FHWA

Per the schedule above, CDOT will publish a rough draft of its proposed FHWA 2013-15 DBE goal at the following site: <a href="http://www.coloradodot.info/business/equal-opportunity/dbe/dbegoal2012">http://www.coloradodot.info/business/equal-opportunity/dbe/dbegoal2012</a>

The attached excel spreadsheet shows our progress against our current overall goal of 13.29% from the start of the federal fiscal year (October 1<sup>st</sup>) through April. The spreadsheet shows DBE participation on both state and federally funded CDOT construction contracts. At this time, our estimated participation is slightly above the overall goal at 13.7% committed to DBEs.